

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 0018, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A unique pad painter 10, shown in FIG. 1 comprises an elongated woven or fabric pad 11 as shown in FIG. 2, having a sponge-like base 12 secured thereto on one side. A plastic member 13 having channel side portions 16a, 16b extending upwardly at an angle is mounted to the base 12 with adhesive 14 to form a unitary structure 15. Refills of the pad structure 15 may be mounted to the handle arrangement when appropriate.

Please replace paragraph 0019, with the following rewritten paragraph:

One of the side portions 16a includes a cut-away section 17 while the side portions 16a, 16b basically serve as guides for the handle base or coupling member 18. The member 18 includes tapered edges 19a, 19b which engage the side portions 16a, 16b and a tab 20, which is positioned on a cutaway [portion 27] section 17 of side portion 16a. The tab 20 engages the cutaway section 17 on the side portion 16 a to lock the pad structure 15 and handle base 18 together.

Please replace paragraph 0020, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The handle base structure 18 extends upwardly in the center thereof to form a lower circular portion 21 concentrically located about a circular internally threaded inner portion 22 which extends upwardly therefrom and includes a recess 24. The upper surface 30 includes a plastic layer 23 and a hemispherical recess or socket 24, which engages a ball 25 on the end of the handle 26. The ball 25 includes a plurality of latitudinal slots 27 about the surface thereof, a solid base 28 and a solid portion 29, which is coupled to a curved portion 31 of the handle 26. The curved portion 31 joins a handle portion 32, which extends to flange 33 and then beyond said flange 33 with an enlarged elongated portion 34. A shaped rubber handle cover 35 is mounted

over the handle 26. The handle 26 engages portion 34 and terminates at the end portion 36, which includes an internally threaded recess 37 for poles and various extensions.

Please replace paragraph 0021, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An internally threaded cap or nut 38 is located and held in place between the flange 33 and the ball 25. The cap 38 includes an internal circular washer 39, which engages the upper surface 30 to lock the pad painter 10 in position as a unit. The cap 38 may be loosened to permit the handle [34] 26 to swivel within a total range of 360°. The swivel mode permits an increase in the speed of painting. This swivel mode is particularly effective with an extension pole attached to the handle 26 at end 36. The fixed mode is used when a precise stroke is required. While described with regard to a pad painter 10, the swivel design may also be employed with spatter guard paint rollers, edgers, etc. A further advantage of the invention mentioned previously is the tab design, which permits rapid replacement of pads 15.

Please replace paragraph 0022, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In operation, a pad structure 15 is mounted on the handle by sliding the tapered edges 19a, 19b of the handle base structure 18 within the channels 16a, 16b. The tab 20 engages cutaway section 17 to lock the parts 15 and 18 together. A lock tab 20 may be provided at each end. The cap 38 is then threaded onto the [recessed] externally threaded portion 22 locking the handle ball 25 in recess 24 with washer 39. The ball 25 may be locked in a fixed position or may be permitted to swivel through 360° to speed up painting. This novel approach is nowhere shown in the prior art.